

## OUTPATIENT WAITING TIMES

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations and the Subcommittee on Health held a joint hearing on Outpatient Waiting Times. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Belinda Finn, Assistant Inspector General, Audits; Gerald M. Cross, M.D., Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Health; and Paul Tibbits, M.D., Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of Enterprise Development, Office of Information and Technology; and public witnesses.

## BRIEFING—CIA TAPES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on CIA Tapes. The Committee was briefed by Michael V. Hayden, Director, CIA.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1589)

H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, to expand access. Signed on December 12, 2007. (Public Law 110–134)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine shopping smart and avoiding scams, focusing on financial literacy during the holiday season, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), 10 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine forest restoration and hazardous fuels reduction efforts in the forests of Oregon and Washington, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the Clean Water Act (Public Law 92–500), focusing on the Supreme Court decisions in Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County and Rapanos-Carabell, 9 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the housing decline, focusing on the extent of the problem and potential remedies, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine perspectives on the next phase of the global fight

against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Education and Labor Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions to examine the National Labor Relations Board, focusing on decisions and their impact on worker's rights, 10 a.m., 2175–RHOB.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine prioritizing management, focusing on implementing chief management officers at federal agencies, 10 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine S. 344, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. 2402, to provide for the substitution of the United States in certain civil actions, S. 1638, to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, S. 1829, to reauthorize programs under the Missing Children's Assistance Act, S. 431, to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, S. 2344, to create a competitive grant program to provide for age-appropriate Internet education for children, S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. Res. 388, designating the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008, as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week", and S. Res. 396, expressing the sense of the Senate that the hanging of nooses for the purpose of intimidation should be thoroughly investigated by Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities and that any criminal violations should be vigorously prosecuted, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nomination of James B. Peake, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH–219.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, hearing on CIA Interrogation Program, 1 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services,* hearing on global maritime strategy initiatives, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* hearing on CBO's Long-Term Budget Outlook, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4040, Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act; and H.R. 1216, Cameron Gulbransen Kids and Cars Safety Act; and to consider pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Courts, The Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R.